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Technology Committee Teleconference Meeting Thursday, December 15, 2005 2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. Eastern

I. Welcome and Introductions

Tim Blevins (Kansas), Committee Chair, called the meeting to order. The following members participated in the call:

NAME	STATE/ORGANIZATION
Richard Moon	California BOE
Lynn Chenoweth	Idaho
Tim Blevins, Chair	Kansas
Terry Garber	South Carolina
Gordon Smead	Tennessee
Debbie Peterson, Vice-Chair	Texas
Susan Ribe	Multistate Tax Commission

II. Public Comment Period

III. Discussion of Current MTC Technology Projects

• MTC Web Site Redesign

Mr. Blevins reported on a meeting he participated in with e.magination and MTC staff on Dec. 13, 2005. He explained that meeting covered many topics of interest to the Technology Committee. He also noted the rescheduling of the Executive Committee meeting and noted it would affect the timeline for this committee's work.

Mr. Blevins reported that he discussed with e.magination accessibility and usability testing for the website, NDS, and secure email platform. E.magination is reworking its proposal and will include a maintenance cost proposal.

The website should include the following subsystems to support MTC functions: content management; document management; contacts database; meeting registration.

Mr. Blevins related the planned schedule as provided by the Executive Director: a final proposal to be presented by e.magination on January 15th, a February 1st start date, ending about 16 weeks from the start date.

Secure Email Platform and Document Exchange
 MTC's development plans include web-based secure information
 exchange. Mr. Blevins explained that there are several options for
 this. He referred to documents on the subject that were sent to the
 committee recently.

Ms. Garber noted that South Carolina has begun using Tovaris for secure communications. The Tovaris administrator for SC is available to answer questions about their experience.

• Combined Electronic Registration
The planned resumption of the CETR project is on hold. The planned letter seeking interest in resuming the project was not sent, at the instruction of the Executive Director.

Audit Application

MTC has discussed this project with e.magination. The application would enable audit staff to share work data on audits. (All tax types audited by the MTC would be included: Sales, Use, Corporation) The planned app uses MS SharePoint. Mr. Blevins asked whether any Technology Committee participants have audit work paper product to share functional requirements from. Tim stated that the high level functional requirements from the preliminary project plan received from e-magination would be shared with the Technology Committee members so that they could start reviewing the suggested functional requirements of this system. Tim also suggested that technology committee states with these types of systems already in place may start to review their own systems functional requirements as comparison points for the future design of this application by the MTC Audit staff and Audit Committee.

- IV. Other Items Related to the Work of the Committee
- V. Adjournment